U.S. recession probability rises to 57.13%, further complicating the scenario, and Wall Street closed mixed.

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The U.S. & European stock markets mainly closed down as the equities markets began the month relatively flat; the bright spot was the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury closing at 4.01%. The Fed's reaction to the hotter-than-expected inflation data creates uncertainty for all investors. Today's U.S. recession probability numbers rising to 57.13%, a 17.18% over the last month, further complicates the scenario.

Asian markets are reacting positively to the recent rebound in China's fortunes and broader economy following the lifting of COVID-19 protocols. Manufacturing activity shows a sharp rebound and its highest levels in a decade.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the first quarter of 2023 was updated today, 3/1/23, showing a decrease to 2.30% GDP, down from 2.80% GDP on 2/27/23.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. ISM Manufacturing PMI:** rose to 47.70, up from 47.40 last month.
- **U.S. ISM Manufacturing Employment Index:** fell to 49.10, down from 50.60 last month.
- **US ISM Manufacturing New Orders Index:** rose to 47.00, up from 42.50 last month, increasing 10.59%.
- **U.S. Recession Probability: rose to** 57.13%, compared to 47.31% last month.
- **Germany Real Retail Sales YoY:** fell to -6.60%, compared to -4.90% last month.
- **Germany Consumer Price Index YoY:** is unchanged at 8.70%, compared to 8.70% last month.
- **Germany Unemployment Rate:** is unchanged at 5.70%, compared to 5.70%.
- **Japan Consumer Confidence Index:** rose to 31.00, up from 30.30 last month, increasing 2.31%.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update March 1:

- Daily Cases: 71
- Positivity Rate: 11.89%
- Hospitalizations: 111
- Deaths: 6
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for March 1:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 457.63, down 3.48 points or 0.75%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,914.93, up 38.65 points or 0.49%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,305.12, down 60.12 points or 0.39%.

Wall Street Summary for March 1:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 32,889.09, down 5.14 or 0.02%.
- S&P 500 closed at 3,951.39, down 18.76 points or 0.47%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,339.48, down 76.06 points or 0.66%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,817.32, up 2.90 points or 0.10%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 4.01%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.89%.

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GDPNow Update 3/1/23

Date	GDPNow 1Q23	Change
1/27/23	0.70%	Initial Forecast
2/1/23	2.10%	200.0%
2/8/23	2.20%	4.5%
2/15/23	2.40%	8.3%
2/16/23	2.50%	4.0%
2/24/23	2.70%	7.4%
2/27/23	2.80%	3.6%
3/1/23	2.30%	-21.7%

US ISM PMI, US ISM Manufacturing New Orders, US ISM Manufacturing Employment Index & US Recession Probability

Wall Street Recap

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